

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph after the Title of the Invention on the first page of the Specification in the instant application as follows:

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/003217 filed on March 26, 2005; and this application claims priority of Application No. 102004016649.8 filed in Germany on March 31, 2004, and Application No. 102004020766.6 filed in Germany on April 27, 2004 under 35 U.S.C. § 119; the entire contents of all are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace paragraph on page 3, lines 18-19, with the following paragraph:

Metal oxides hydrophobicized with organosilicon compounds are described, inter alia, in ~~DE 33 14 741 A1 DE 33 14 742 A1~~, DE 36 42 794 A1 and EP 0 603 627 A1 and also in WO 97/16156.